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BASIC CALIFORNIA FUEL TAX LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

California fuel tax reporting and licensing requirements vary depending on where you travel and which fuel you use to power your vehicles. The table below provides basic information on California fuel tax license requirements. For information on interstate user and user use fuel licenses, or if you're not sure how you should register, please contact us (see page 36). If the table indicates that you should or may license your vehicles under IFTA, please read the rest of this publication.

Vehicle powered by	Vehicle travels in	California fuel tax license requirement			
Diesel	California only	None			
including water- emulsified diesel and	California and Mexico	Interstate user license (not IFTA) or fuel trip permits (see page 1)			
biodiesel	California and at least one other IFTA jurisdiction	IFTA license or fuel trip permits (see page 1)			
Gasoline	California only	None			
including gasohol	California and Mexico	None			
	California and at least one other IFTA jurisdiction	If you travel only in jurisdictions that do not tax interstate carriers for gasoline use: None			
		If you travel in a jurisdiction that taxes interstate carriers for gasoline use: IFTA license or fuel trip permits (see page 1)			
Use fuel	California only	User use fuel tax license			
see note below	California and Mexico	User use fuel tax license			
	California and at least one other IFTA jurisdiction	IFTA license or fuel trip permits (see page 1)			

Note: Use fuels include:

- Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)
- Liquefied natural gas (LNG)
- Compressed natural gas (CNG)
- Kerosene

- Alcohol fuels such as methanol and ethanol
- Blended alcohol fuels that contain no more than 15 percent gasoline.
- E-85 and M-85

1. Introduction

This pamphlet is intended as a guide to the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) in California and explains your responsibilities as an IFTA licensee. IFTA is an agreement among states in the United States and provinces in Canada that simplifies fuel use tax reporting by motor carriers that travel both inside and outside California. In California, IFTA is administered by our agency, the State Board of Equalization (Board).

Why license under IFTA?

IFTA offers several advantages to interstate motor carriers, including

- A single fuel tax license authorizing your vehicles to travel in all member jurisdictions (see "IFTA Jurisdictions," beginning on page 30).
- One tax return filed each quarter with the jurisdiction where you are licensed (your "base jurisdiction"), containing your mileage and fuel use information for all member jurisdictions.
- Audits generally performed only by your base jurisdiction.

Should you license in California?

Under IFTA, you should license your vehicles in California if *all* of the following conditions apply:

- Your qualified motor vehicles (as defined, see page 4) are based in California and registered with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
- You perform motor carrier operations from an established, physical place of business in California (a P.O. Box or agent address alone does not qualify).
- You maintain the operational control and operational records for qualified motor vehicles in California or can make those records available in the state.
- You have qualified motor vehicles that travel on California highways.

If you are an interstate motor carrier and you operate only between California and Mexico, you do not qualify for an IFTA license. Please contact the Board to obtain the correct operating license for your fuel use reporting (see table on page i).

Trip permit option

If you qualify for an IFTA license but do not participate in the IFTA program, you are required to obtain fuel trip permits to travel into or through each IFTA member jurisdiction, including California. For example, if you are a California-based carrier, not licensed under IFTA, and you travel into Nevada (an IFTA jurisdiction), you must purchase a Nevada fuel trip permit for entry into and travel within that state. When you return to California, you must purchase a California Fuel Trip Permit (form BOE-123) before you reenter the state.

California Fuel Trip Permits

You may obtain a California Fuel Trip Permit from commercial permit services, some truck stops, by mail from our Fuel Taxes Division or the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), or in person at DMV field offices (contact information begins on page 37). Commercial permit services and truck stops may add a service charge to the basic cost of the permit, which is \$30. See list on page 39.

A California fuel trip permit is issued for specific dates, for up to four consecutive days. It is not valid before or after the dates specified. A fax copy of a properly completed California Fuel Trip Permit issued by a Board-approved commercial permit wire service is acceptable, provided you carry it in your vehicle while traveling in California.

Fuel trip permits from other jurisdictions

Each jurisdiction regulates the cost and availability of its own fuel trip permits. Consequently, you should contact other jurisdictions directly for trip permit information. Most jurisdictions allow some truck stops and commercial permit services to sell their fuel trip permits (see page 30-34).

If you operate in California without a fuel trip permit or an IFTA license If you operate a qualified motor vehicle in California in interstate commerce without first obtaining an IFTA license or a four-day fuel trip permit, you are subject to a penalty. The minimum penalty is \$100. If you owe fuel tax, the penalty may be higher—\$500 or 25 percent of the tax due, whichever is *more*. In addition, your vehicle may be seized. It will not be released until you pay all tax, penalty, interest, and costs associated with seizure and storage of the vehicle.

Non-IFTA jurisdictions

Carriers traveling in non-IFTA jurisdictions must continue to follow the procedures and file the fuel tax returns required by those jurisdictions. When this booklet was written, the following jurisdictions were not IFTA members:

- United States: Alaska, Hawaii, District of Columbia
- Canada: Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon Territory
- Mexico: All states, Federal District

Other regulations and taxes

IFTA covers only taxation of motor fuels. You are still required to comply with other requirements in each member jurisdiction, such as vehicle registration, operating authority, and mileage taxes. For phone numbers of California agencies regulating vehicle registration and operation, see page 38.

Questions

If you do not find the information you need on IFTA or California licensing and reporting procedures in this pamphlet, please contact our Fuel Taxes Division. You may write, call, or fax the

Motor Carrier Section, MIC:65 Fuel Taxes Division State Board of Equalization P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, CA 94279-0065 telephone 916-322-9669 fax 916-323-4404 Information Center 800-400-7115

2. IFTA DEFINITIONS

This section lists the definitions of terms used in this pamphlet and on IFTA returns. Although many of the terms may be familiar to you, it is important that you understand the way they are used in this tax program, especially before you complete any tax returns.

Audit

A physical examination of the records and source documents supporting your quarterly tax returns.

Base jurisdiction

The member jurisdiction where your qualified motor vehicles are based for vehicle registration purposes, and where:

- Operational control and operational records of your qualified motor vehicles are maintained or can be made available, and
- Qualified motor vehicles within your fleet accrue some travel miles.

The Commissioners of two or more affected jurisdictions may allow you to consolidate several fleets that would otherwise be based in different jurisdictions.

Board

The California State Board of Equalization

Carrier

A person who operates a motor vehicle on any highway in California or who authorizes operation of such a vehicle

Commissioner

The official designated by the jurisdiction to be responsible for administration of the IFTA

Fleet or IFTA fleet

All qualified motor vehicles licensed by a carrier under IFTA

Jurisdiction

A state of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a province or territory of Canada

Licensee

A person who holds a current, valid IFTA license

Member jurisdiction

A jurisdiction that is a member of the International Fuel Tax Agreement (see "IFTA Jurisdictions," beginning on page 30)

Motor fuels

All fuels used to propel qualified motor vehicles

Person

An individual, corporation, partnership, association, trust, or other

entity

Qualified motor vehicle

A motor vehicle used, designed, or maintained for the transportation of people or property, that meets *any one* of the qualifications listed below. Under IFTA, *a qualified motor vehicle* is one that

- Has two axles and a gross vehicle or registered gross vehicle weight exceeding 26,000 pounds or 11,797 kilograms; or
- Has three or more axles (power unit only), regardless of weight; or
- Is used in a combination with a total weight of more than 26,000 pounds or 11,797 kilograms gross vehicle or registered gross vehicle weight.

Qualified motor vehicle does not include recreational vehicles.

Recreational vehicles

Vehicles such as motor homes, pickup trucks with attached campers, and buses when used exclusively for personal use by an individual. To qualify as a recreational vehicle, the vehicle cannot be used in connection with any business operation or be registered under a business name.

Reporting period

One of the four quarterly calendar periods: January 1 through March 31; April 1 through June 30; July 1 through September 30; and October 1 through December 31.

Temporary permit

A permit issued by the base jurisdiction or its agent to be carried in a qualified vehicle in place of the display of annual permanent decals. A temporary permit is valid for 30 days to give you adequate time to obtain and affix annual permanent decals.

Total miles

The total of all taxable and nontaxable miles or kilometers traveled during the reporting period by every qualified vehicle in your IFTA fleet.

3. Your IFTA LICENSE

This chapter addresses California's IFTA licensing procedures, license and decal fees, security, IFTA credentials, license renewals, cancellation, revocation, and licensing requirements for leased vehicles.

Before you submit your application

Before you apply for an IFTA license in California, please make sure that you

- Operate one or more qualified motor vehicles (see page 4),
- Operate vehicles that should be licensed under IFTA (see "Basic California Fuel Tax License Requirements," page i), and
- Meet the other requirements for obtaining a California IFTA license (see "Should you license in California?," page 1).

Submitting an application

You may request an IFTA license application by contacting our Fuel Taxes Division at 916-322-9669 or the Board's Information Center at 800-400-7115. The IFTA license application requests basic information about your business and your operations.

You must submit the completed application and the required fees to us for processing (see page 6 for fees). Please be sure to provide all information requested, including all vehicle information, a copy of your social security card or Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), and your driver license. If your social security card or FEIN is not readily available, you may submit a copy of another document with your social security number or FEIN printed on it—such as an employer pay stub, a preprinted income tax label, or a payroll withholding (form W-2). Corporations and limited liability corporations must attach a copy of their Articles of Incorporation or Articles of Organization and include their FEIN. Applications by a partnership must be signed by all general partners and include the partnership's FEIN. Partnerships must also include a copy of the partnership agreement. If an authorized agent signs your application, you must attach a properly completed power of attorney form or our form BOE-91, Tax and Fee Payer Authorization to Send Tax Returns/Reports to Accountant.

If your application is incomplete, your license may not be issued until you supply the missing information. Once we have processed your application, you will receive IFTA credentials (see next page) that will entitle you to travel in all IFTA jurisdictions.

Please note: We may not issue you IFTA credentials if you were previously licensed in another IFTA member jurisdiction and your license was revoked or suspended by that jurisdiction. In addition, no license will be issued if we find that your application contains misrepresentations or significant misstatements.

Annual license and decal fees

Along with your application, you must include a check or money order to cover the annual fees for your IFTA license and decals. The annual fee for a California IFTA license is \$10. You will receive one annual license, valid for the calendar year (January through December), to cover all of the qualified motor vehicles you operate in IFTA jurisdictions (your "IFTA fleet").

In addition to your license, you need one set of two decals for each qualified motor vehicle in your IFTA fleet. Each set costs \$2. Please be sure to include sufficient decal fees with your license application (\$2 x number of IFTA fleet vehicles).

Security

Ordinarily, you will not be required to post a security deposit with your application. However, we may require you to post a security deposit if any of the following are true:

- You are based in a non-IFTA Juristiction;
- You have not filed your fuel returns on time;
- You have not paid tax when due; or
- In our judgement, a security deposit is needed to protect the interests of all member jurisdictions.

Account identification

The minimum security deposit required is \$500.00.

Your IFTA account identification number will be the prefix designated for California (CA) followed by your nine digit Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) issued by the Internal Revenue Service. If you do not have an FEIN, you must submit your social security number, which will then be used in your account number. Please notify us when you receive your FEIN.

IFTA credentials

♦ License

After your application has been approved and you have paid the \$10 license fee, we will issue you an annual California IFTA license, valid for the calendar year. You must make copies of that license and carry a copy in each qualified vehicle. If you operate a qualified motor vehicle without carrying a copy of your current, valid IFTA license, you may be subject to a citation, a fine, a penalty, and possible seizure and sale of your vehicle. In addition, you may be required to purchase fuel trip permits to travel into or through each member jurisdiction.

Decals

In addition to your license, we will issue you a set of calendar-year decals for each qualified vehicle in your fleet, based on the number of vehicles listed in your application and the decal fees you have paid.

You must attach one decal to each side of the vehicle's cab, in the lower rear corner. For buses, please attach one decal on each side, no further back than the rear of the driver's seat, at eye level from the ground. If you do not display the identification decals in the required locations,

Important: If you travel interstate before receiving your IFTA license and decals, you must purchase a California Fuel Trip Permit. you may be subject to the purchase of a fuel trip permit, a citation, a penalty, a fine, and possible seizure and sale of your vehicle. All California decals for a particular year are identical—you may place any set of decals you are issued on any qualified vehicle in your IFTA fleet.

Note to transporters, manufacturers, dealers, and drive-away operators: If you deliver a new or used qualified vehicle across state lines to the owner and you do not obtain a fuel trip permit for the delivery, you may temporarily display decals on the qualified vehicle's cab in a visable manner rather than permanently attaching them to the cab.

Grace period

You have until March 1 of each year before you must carry a current IFTA license and display the current year's decals on each of your vehicles, provided you have applied on time to renew your IFTA license and your account is in good standing.

During January and February of each year, a valid IFTA license and decals from the previous year will be honored by IFTA member jurisdictions in lieu of valid, current-year IFTA credentials.

♦ Temporary permits

After you have received your initial IFTA credentials, you may request an IFTA temporary permit if you wish to place an additional qualified motor vehicle into service prior to obtaining permanent decals. Please call our Fuel Taxes Division to order the temporary permit, which is valid for 30 days. You must place the temporary permit and a copy of your IFTA license in the qualified motor vehicle for which the temporary permit was ordered. The temporary permit is valid only for that particular vehicle. We will not issue you a temporary permit unless your account is in good standing.

Once you obtain the temporary permit, the vehicle is considered part of your IFTA fleet (see page 3). Your *IFTA Quarterly Fuel Use Tax Return* must include all miles driven and all fuel consumed by the vehicle during the period it is operated on a temporary permit. You must also obtain annual decals from the Board and attach them to the vehicle. To obtain permanent decals you must complete a *Request for Additional IFTA Decals* (form BOE-400-D2) and submit your request with the \$2-per-set decal fee. The form is available from our Motor Carrier Section (see page 36).

Annual renewal procedures

Each year we will send you an IFTA license renewal application. The cost of renewing your IFTA license is the annual fee of \$10 per carrier plus \$2 for each set of decals.

If we find that you have not filed all required IFTA returns, or that you have not made all tax payments due to member jurisdictions, your license renewal may be denied.

License cancellation

We may contact you regarding cancellation of your IFTA license if your reporting history indicates that you do not travel interstate. We will also cancel your license at your request, provided you have satisfied all reporting requirements and paid all of the tax you owe. If you wish to cancel your license, please check the "cancel license" box on your final IFTA tax return or send us a written cancellation request. You must return your original IFTA license and all unused IFTA decals with your cancellation request.

Please note: You must file all returns due for the period up until the time you submit your cancellation request, even if you did not travel during that period. Example: If you ask us to cancel your IFTA license on 10/3/xx, you are required to file a 4th quarter return.

If your license is cancelled, you generally must retain records of your fuel purchases and usage for four years after the due date of your final IFTA tax return (see "Record retention period," page 17). Any member jurisdiction may conduct a final audit after cancellation of your license.

License revocation

If you do not comply with provisions of the IFTA agreement, we may revoke your license. We may take this action if you do not

- Comply with all provisions of the IFTA agreement and California fuel tax laws and regulations.
- File an IFTA quarterly tax return.
- Pay all taxes due to all member jurisdictions.
- Pay the amount due on an audit billing or fail to petition for redetermination within the established time period.
- Operate interstate.

We will notify all IFTA jurisdictions if we revoke your license. If you operate a qualified motor vehicle in an IFTA jurisdiction after your license has been revoked, you may be subject to the penalties and other measures described under "License," on page 6.

License reinstatement

We may reinstate a revoked IFTA license after you file all required returns, pay all outstanding liabilities, and pay a \$50 reinstatement fee. You may be required to post a security deposit sufficient to satisfy potential liabilities for all member jurisdictions.

Leased vehicles

For leased vehicles, a person's responsibility to apply for a license and report tax under IFTA depends on several factors, described in general terms in this section. Since lease agreements vary, you may find that the circumstances of your agreement are not covered by this general information. If you have questions about how IFTA applies to your leased vehicle, please contact the Board for assistance.

Please note: While IFTA does not require that you travel with a copy of your lease agreement, we highly recommend that you do so. If enforcement authorities have any question about your fuel reporting requirements, having a copy of the lease agreement on hand may get you back on the road faster.

♦ Definitions, lessor and lessee

- A *lessor* is a person or business who grants permission to use a vehicle (with or without a driver) to another person or business. Lessors generally *charge* fees for the use of their vehicles.
- A *lessee* is a person or business who is permitted to use a vehicle (with or without a driver) by another person or business. Lessees generally *pay* fees for the use of others' vehicles.

Independent contractors

Long term leases (30 days or more)

When a carrier (lessee) leases, for 30 days or more, a vehicle owned by an independent contractor (lessor), the parties to the lease may determine who will report and pay the fuel tax due. The written lease agreement should state which party is responsible for reporting and paying the fuel tax. If it does not, the lessee will be held responsible for any tax due under IFTA.

When the written lease agreement specifies that the lessee has responsibility for paying the tax, the base jurisdiction for the vehicle should be established without consideration of the jurisdiction where the vehicle is registered. For example, if you are a carrier who has leased a vehicle registered in Oregon from an independent contractor, and you keep your records in California, control your operations from California, and your vehicles accrue some travel miles in California, California would be considered your IFTA base jurisdiction, despite the fact that the vehicle you lease is registered in Oregon.

Short term leases (less than 30 days)

When a carrier (lessee) leases vehicles from an independent contractor (lessor) under a short term lease of less than 30 days, the lessor will generally be liable for reporting and paying the fuel tax due.

♦ Vehicles rented or leased without drivers

Long term leases (30 days or more)

When a vehicle is leased or rented without a driver for a period of 30 days or more, the lessee is generally required to register and report fuel tax under IFTA. However, the lessor may register and pay the fuel tax if the lease agreement clearly states that the lessor is responsible.

Short term leases (less than 30 days)

When a vehicle is leased or rented without a driver on a short term basis (less than 30 days), the lessor is generally responsible for registering and reporting the fuel use tax. However, the lessee must report and pay the tax when

- The written lease or rental contract specifies that the lessee is responsible for reporting and paying fuel use tax, and
- The lessee provides the lessor with a copy of the lessee's IFTA license, which must be valid for the term of the lease.

Carriers of household goods

For carriers of household goods using independent contractors, agents, or service representatives, IFTA fuel tax reporting and payment liability depends on whether the qualified motor vehicle is operated under the lessor or the lessee's operating authority.

Lessor responsible for tax

Vehicle operated under the lessor's operating authority. In this case, the lessor—generally the independent contractor, agent, or service representative—is responsible for registering, reporting, and paying fuel tax under IFTA. The vehicle's registration jurisdiction should not be considered in determining the lessor's base jurisdiction.

Lessee responsible for tax

Vehicle operated under the lessee's operating authority. In this case, the lessee—generally the carrier—is responsible for registering, reporting, and paying fuel tax under IFTA in their base state. The vehicle's registration jurisdiction should not be considered in determining the lessee's base jurisdiction.

Changes of ownership

You must notify us in writing if the ownership of your business changes. This includes letting us know if you add or drop a partner or incorporate.

4. TAX REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

This chapter explains your fuel tax reporting responsibilities as an IFTA licensee. It contains information on filing your IFTA returns, reporting periods, penalty and interest, information required on returns, and credits and refunds. A reporting example, with completed forms, begins on page 22.

Please note: Your fuel tax reporting requirements may differ from those discussed in this chapter if your business involves any unusual operations, such as transport services; powering vehicles with dyed fuel, exempt clear fuel, dual fuel, water-emulsified diesel, or multiple alternative fuel types; or your vehicles operate in any exempt bus operations. Please contact the Board for additional information on your fuel tax reporting requirements.

Quarterly IFTA returns

Important: You must mail your IFTA returns to:

California Board of Equalization P.O. Box 22099 Albany, NY 12201-2099

If you mail your return to our Sacramento address, processing may be delayed. You must file a completed California IFTA fuel use tax return each quarter, made up of two basic forms: the *IFTA Quarterly Fuel Use Tax Return* (IFTA-100) and the *IFTA Quarterly Fuel Use Tax Schedule* (IFTA-101). As you complete an IFTA-101 schedule for each fuel you used, you will calculate the tax you owe or credit due to you for tax paid on fuel you used in each member jurisdiction. You will then combine the information to arrive at a net total amount due for all IFTA jurisdictions. You will then transfer information from the schedules to the IFTA-100 return. If you owe tax, you will make one payment to the California State Board of Equalization at our New York address, rather than payments to individual jurisdictions. If you have overpaid tax, your account will be credited or you may request a refund (see page 15).

Your quarterly tax return is due on the last day of the month immediately following the close of the quarterly reporting period:

Reporting Quarter	Due Date
January 1 through March 31	April 30
April 1 through June 30	July 31
July 1 through September 30	October 31
October 1 through December 31	January 31

The return must be postmarked by the due date. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the next business day is considered the final filing date. If you do not file your return by the date it is due, you may be subject to penalty and interest charges (see "Penalty and interest," next page).

Note: You are required to file an IFTA tax return even if you do not travel during a given quarter. *Please note:* You are required to file your quarterly tax return on time even if you do not receive one in the mail. If you do not receive your return at least 14 days before the due date, please call our Motor Carrier Section for a replacement (see page 36).

Penalty and interest

You must file your tax return even if you do not travel in any IFTA member jurisdiction or purchase any taxable fuel during the quarter.

If you do not file a quarterly tax return, file your return by the due date, or pay the tax you owe, you may be subject to penalty and interest charges. The penalty is \$50, or ten percent of the total net tax due with your return, whichever is more.

Interest on unpaid tax is charged at the rate of one percent per full or partial month. The Board will calculate interest beginning with the date your tax was due, continuing through the month in which you pay the tax. Unlike penalty charges, interest is computed on the tax due to each member jurisdiction, rather than the net total due with your report.

Example

Your second quarter 2006 IFTA tax return is due on July 31, 2006, but you do not file until September 15, 2006. The column "O" jurisdiction totals on your IFTA-101 schedule show tax due for Nevada of \$800 and a credit for California of (\$125). Since your return and payment are late, you owe a penalty of \$67.50 for late payment of tax (ten percent of \$675, the column "O" net total from your IFTA-101 schedule [\$800 – \$125 = \$675]). In addition, you will owe interest at a rate of one percent per month, for two months, August and September. You calculate the interest due for each jurisdiction for which tax is due in column "O" and list the result in column "P". Total interest due for Nevada is \$16 (\$800 x 0.01 x 2 months = \$16). No interest is due to you on your California credit.

Information required on IFTA returns

You must complete a separate IFTA-101 schedule for each fuel type and list the following information on each schedule:

"Total miles," both taxable and nontaxable (such as fuel trip permit miles), traveled by your qualified motor vehicles during the quarter. You will list and then total two figures — one for all IFTA jurisdictions and one for all non-IFTA jurisdictions. (This information is used to calculate your fleet's average MPG.)

"Total gallons" of fuel placed into the fuel tank and used to operate your qualified motor vehicles in all jurisdictions (IFTA and non-IFTA, combined).

- "IFTA miles" and "taxable miles" traveled in each IFTA jurisdiction. "IFTA miles" figures include both taxable and nontaxable miles. (To calculate "taxable miles," you will need to know the number of tax-exempt miles traveled in each IFTA jurisdiction.)
- Gallons purchased tax-paid in each member jurisdiction and placed into qualified motor vehicles' fuel supply tanks.

For more detail, see "Tips for completing your IFTA Quarterly Fuel Use Tax Schedule," on page 27. Fuel tax rates (including applicable surcharges) for each member jurisdiction are listed on form IFTA-105, *IFTA Final Fuel Use Tax Rate and Rate Code Table 1*, provided with your return each quarter. Please note that some jurisdictions do not tax certain fuels under IFTA. This is indicated by "N/A" on the rate table (see sample section page 26). California, for example, collects the tax on gasoline at an early point of distribution and does not tax gasoline use by interstate carriers. Do not report any miles you drive in California using gasoline as taxable miles for California on your IFTA-101 schedule, but you must report them as "IFTA Miles." The Board will inform you whenever tax rates or procedures change.

Measurement conversion table

You are required to report your fuel purchases, fuel use, and travel mileage using United States measurements. Conversion rates are:

1 gallon = 3.785 liters 1 liter = 0.2642 gallons 1 mile = 1.6093 kilometers 1 kilometer = 0.62137 miles

All numbers must be rounded to the nearest whole gallon or mile.

Some IFTA jurisdictions define certain miles traveled by motor carriers as tax-exempt. While the tax-exempt miles you travel must be included as "Total Miles" on your quarterly tax return, you may deduct them when you calculate "Taxable Miles" for a particular IFTA jurisdiction (column I on IFTA-101 schedule, see page 27).

Please note: Each IFTA jurisdiction has its own definition of tax-exempt miles. It is your responsibility to obtain the definition of tax-exempt miles from each jurisdiction in which you operate. All jurisdictions require you to retain documentation to support a claim of tax-exempt miles.

California considers *only* those miles traveled under a valid California Fuel Trip Permit to be tax-exempt miles for the purposes of the IFTA quarterly return. To recover fuel tax you paid on fuel used in other nontaxable ways, you must file a claim for refund (see page 14).

IFTA jurisdictions may issue more than one type of trip permit. A trip permit may be issued as a temporary vehicle license, for payment of fuel tax, or for another purpose. Under IFTA, only those miles you travel using a *fuel* trip permit may be deducted from an individual jurisdiction's "Total miles" on your IFTA-101 schedule.

In addition to allowing you to claim a deduction on your IFTA return for certain miles traveled, some jurisdictions, including California, allow you to file a claim for refund for fuel tax you have paid on fuel used in certain specific nontaxable ways. The fact that you may file a claim for refund for these nontaxable fuel uses *does not affect* your IFTA reporting. Your IFTA quarterly return must include all gallons used by your qualified motor vehicles during the reporting period.

Adjustment for tax-exempt miles

It is your responsibility to obtain the definition of tax-exempt miles from each jurisdiction in which you operate.

California tax-exempt miles

Important note, trip permits

Refunds of tax paid on fuel used in a nontaxable manner You must file a fuel tax claim for refund directly with the jurisdiction where you paid the fuel tax and used the fuel in a nontaxable manner, based on the jurisdiction's own definitions of nontaxable fuel use and its refund requirements. Be sure to maintain adequate records to support any refund you claim.

California nontaxable fuel uses

California allows refunds of fuel use tax you have paid on fuel used for purposes other than operating motor vehicles on the state's public highways. The most common nontaxable uses include:

- Use of fuel to power a vehicle on roads other than the state's public highways (off-highway use).
- Use of fuel to operate devices mounted on the vehicle and powered by a power take-off (PTO) attached to the vehicle's transmission.
- Use of fuel to power a refrigeration unit, generator, or any similar equipment where fuel is not used to power the tractor.
- Use of fuel on a highway under the US Department of Agriculture's jurisdiction (USDA), provided you pay or contribute to the construction or maintenance of that highway under an agreement with, or with the permission of, the USDA.
- Use of diesel fuel in a motor vehicle owned and operated by a public agency or other political subdivision of the state (city, county, special district), on highways constructed and maintained by the United States within a military reservation in California.

While you may file a claim for refund for these nontaxable fuel uses (see below), you must include the gallons used in the total gallons figure on your IFTA return (column D) and include them in your milesper-gallon calculation.

◆ Filing a claim for refund of California fuel use tax

To obtain a refund of fuel use tax you paid on purchases of fuel used in a nontaxable manner in California, you must file a claim for refund with the Board's Fuel Taxes Division. You must submit your claim within three years of the date you purchased the fuel.

The law generally allows you to file a claim for refund once a year. However, if your claim will total at least \$750 for a calendar quarter, you may file a claim for refund on a quarterly basis. You may call the Fuel Taxes Division to register to automatically receive annual or quarterly forms from us.

Please note: This information applies only to claims for refund for California nontaxable fuel uses. For more information, please contact our Fuel Taxes Division at 916-322-9669 or the Board's Information Center at 800-400-7115. If you wish to file a request for refund with another jurisdiction, please contact that jurisdiction for information (see pages 30-34 for contact information).

Credits and requests for refund

If your completed IFTA return shows that you have overpaid tax for the period, you will send no money with the return. You may use line 11 of the return to request a refund from us. Your refund will be issued after we determine that you have paid all tax liabilities owed to member jurisdictions, including any outstanding audit assessments. Your request for refund may be denied if you are delinquent in filing any quarterly tax return.

Refund requests of \$10 or less will be carried forward and offset against future return liabilities.

Billing for tax due when return not filed

If for any reason you do not file an IFTA quarterly tax return, we will bill you for the tax that we determine you owe for the period, based on the best information available to us, including your filing history. You will also be billed for penalty and interest due (see page 12). If you believe that the billed amount is wrong or excessive, it is your responsibility to provide factual evidence showing you owe less tax.

If you refuse to file a tax return or to furnish requested information

If you do not file a tax return you may be subject to penalty and interest. The penalty is \$50 or 10 percent of the net tax due with the return, whichever is more. If we determine that you did not file returns because of intent to commit fraud or intent to evade the fuel use tax, you may be subject to criminal prosecution and a fine of up to \$5,000.

5. RECORDS

It is essential that you maintain adequate records to document all of the information you provide on your quarterly IFTA tax returns. Adequate records are also important to support requests you may make for credits or refunds for tax-paid fuel and nontaxable uses of fuel.

Distance records

You must maintain complete records of your qualified motor vehicles' interstate and intrastate operations. The Individual Vehicle Distance Records (IVDR) document, that is required by the International Registration Plan (IRP), is an acceptable source document for recording vehicle distance information (see sample on page 18). Another acceptable source document is a trip report, provided it includes all of the following information:

- Date of trip (starting and ending)
- Trip origin and destination (including city and state)
- Routes of travel (beginning and ending odometer readings)
- Total trip miles or kilometers
- Distance by jurisdiction
- Vehicle unit number
- Vehicle fleet number
- Your name

You may also choose to use on-board recording devices to generate your distance records.

Fuel receipts

You must maintain complete records of all fuel purchases. Separate totals must be compiled for each fuel type, by jurisdiction. Fuel types include diesel, emulsified diesel, biodiesel, gasoline, gasohol, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), alcohol fuels (ethanol, methanol, E-85 and M-85), and any other fuel you use to propel your vehicle. Your fuel records must contain all of the following information:

- Date of purchase
- Name and address of the seller
- Number of gallons or liters purchased
- Type of fuel purchased
- Price per gallon or liter, or total amount of sale
- Unit number of the vehicle into which the fuel was placed
- Purchaser's name

Acceptable fuel receipts include an invoice or a credit card receipt, or verifiable microfilm, microfiche, or digital images of an invoice. Most jurisdictions prefer actual invoices rather than microfilm or microfiche. We will not accept receipts containing alterations or erasures.

Bulk fuel storage

If you maintain a bulk fuel storage facility, you may obtain credit for tax paid on fuel withdrawn from that storage facility and used in your qualified motor vehicles, provided you maintain the following records:

- Date of withdrawal
- Number of gallons or liters withdrawn
- Fuel type
- Unit number of the vehicle into which the fuel was placed
- Purchase and inventory records showing that tax was paid on your bulk fuel purchases

Gallons withdrawn from your bulk storage and used in qualified vehicles should be listed under "Tax-paid gallons" on your quarterly return.

Location of records

Your records should be maintained in California. If your operational records are not located or made available in the state and our auditors need to travel to the location where they are kept, you may be required to pay reasonable daily expenses (such as meals and lodging) and travel expenses for the audit staff.

Record retention period

Generally, you must maintain records for a period of four years from the due date of your quarterly tax report or the date the report was filed, whichever is *later*. Some jurisdictions may require you to keep your records for a longer period of time. If you have questions about the specific record retention requirements of a jurisdiction, please contact the jurisdiction for more information.

Important: You must retain your records for at least four years.

You must make your records available on request to any member jurisdiction. If you do not provide records requested for audit purposes, the statute of limitations will be extended until the records are provided.

If you do not maintain records or provide requested information,

You may be charged a criminal violation if you do not maintain and keep complete records and provide informaiton requested by the Board. You may be fined up to \$5,000 for each violation, or be subject to appropriate administrative action, or both.

INDIVIDUAL VEHICLE DISTANCE RECORDS (IVDRs)

CARRIER NAME:					FLEET NO.:	
DRIVER'S NAME:			DEPARTURE DATE:		RETURN DATE:	
DRIVER'S SIGNATI	JRE:		ORIGIN:		DESTINATION:	
TRACTOR NO.:			Odometer/Hub	odomet	er Readings	
TRAILER NO.:			Beginning Reading	E	Ending Reading	Total Distance
Date	Jurisdiction	City	Routes/Highways Traveled	Ode	ometer Readings at State Border	Distance By Jurisdiction
				Total Di	stance Traveled	

Note: All distance generated by the fleet must be recorded (i.e., interstate, intrastate, local, loaded, and empty distance.)

6. AUDITS

IFTA audits are conducted to verify that you have correctly reported the fuel used and mileage on your IFTA quarterly tax returns. The Board audits the records of California licensees on behalf of all member jurisdictions.

This section provides general information on the audit process. For more detailed information, you may wish to obtain a copy of our publication 76, Audits. That publication gives general information about what to expect and how to prepare for an audit. It also discusses how to appeal an audit if you disagree with the results and explains procedures for filing a claim for refund. More detail regarding appeals and claims for refund may be found in Board publication 17, Appeals Procedures—Sales and Use Taxes and Special Taxes. Ordering information for Board publications begins on page 36.

Audit selection

We will audit at least three percent of California IFTA licensees each year. Any licensee may be selected for audit.

Notification of audit date and time period

If you are selected for an IFTA audit, our auditor will telephone or write you in advance to arrange an acceptable date to begin the audit. At that time, the auditor will outline the time period to be covered by the audit (see below) and the records he or she will review. If your operational records are not located in California or are not made available in California, we may require you to pay reasonable daily expenses (such as meals and lodging) and travel expenses incurred by the auditor or auditors in conducting the audit.

Audit period

California law generally allows us to audit your account for a period of three years. Under certain conditions, the auditor may examine earlier periods. Determinations may be issued for any reporting period covered by the audit. The time period for audits and resulting determinations may be different in other jurisdictions. If you have questions about the audit and determination period for a specific jurisdiction, please contact that jurisdiction for more information.

Audit conference

At the beginning of the audit, the auditor will meet with you to determine background information, reporting methods, and records to be reviewed. As the audit progresses, the auditor will discuss with you the sample periods, sampling techniques, and any problem areas. A final conference will be held with you to explain any proposed refunds or additional tax, or to indicate there will be no change in your tax liability. In addition, the auditor may make suggestions regarding your future reporting practices.

Audit working papers

You are entitled to request and receive copies of the audit working papers, which normally include schedules that document the tests and examination procedures used in the audit. The audit working papers

also include the auditor's narrative comments describing your records, explaining the purposes of the tests conducted, and interpreting the findings of those tests.

Audit results

You will be sent an audit report after the audit is processed through our audit review section. If the audit revealed any tax due, we will send you a billing, called a *Notice of Determination*. You have 30 days from the date of the notice to pay the tax due or to file an appeal of the audit billing, called a *Petition for Redetermination* (see next section). If the audit shows that you are due a refund, we will issue you a check after payment of any other outstanding amounts you may owe.

We will submit audit reports to all member jurisdictions. Any member jurisdiction may choose to reexamine the audit findings. In addition, a member jurisdiction may choose to re-audit your account at its own expense, after notifying you and us of the reasonable cause for the reaudit.

If your records are unacceptable for audit purposes, the audit staff may determine your liability. The auditor will

- Estimate the number of gallons you used based on your driving history or by comparing your operations to similar operations.
- Use a standard of 4.0 miles per gallon.
- Not allow any claims for tax-paid fuel without supporting documentation.

You have the burden of proving that your records and statements are correct.

Appealing the results of your audit

You may appeal a Board audit finding by submitting a *petition* within 30 days of the date of the *Notice of Determination*. Your petition, which can be in a form as simple as a letter, must

- Be in writing,
- Include your IFTA license number,
- Identify the protested item(s), and amount or amounts,
- State the specific reasons why you believe you do not owe the tax shown in the *Notice of Determination*, and
- Be signed by you or your authorized representative.

You may also request an appeals conference and a Board hearing. This request will ensure that, if needed, you will have the opportunity for an appeals conference and a Board hearing if you are not satisfied with the response to your petition later in the appeals process.

Please note: You must ensure that the petition is postmarked no later than 30 days from the date of the *Notice of Determination*. Your petition may be denied if submitted at a later date. If your petition is not submitted in a timely manner, you must pay the liability shown on the notice and file a claim for refund of the amount you believe you do not owe in order to proceed with your petition.

Send your petition to the:

Motor Carrier Section, MIC:65 Fuel Taxes Division State Board of Equalization 450 N Street P.O. Box 942879 Sacramento, CA 94279-0065

We will notify you in writing of our findings and rulings on your petition.

7. COMPLETING YOUR RETURN

Example: Quarterly fuel use reporting —completing a fuel use tax schedule

Your trucking company, which holds a valid California IFTA license, obtained a new vehicle in May. Before you obtained IFTA decals for that truck, it traveled into Nevada and returned to California, traveling 200 miles in California and 900 miles in Nevada. Since your vehicle was not yet licensed under IFTA, you purchased Nevada and California fuel trip permits for that trip. Other than one trip into Mexico, the remainder of your interstate travel for the quarter occurred after you purchased decals for the new vehicle. You used 6,000 gallons of diesel fuel during the quarter.

Your trip record for the quarter shows:

Jurisdiction	Miles Traveled	Fuel Purchased (gallons)	Tax-exempt miles (fuel trip permit)
Arizona	3,000	500	0
California	16,000	4,400	200
Nevada	900	0	900
Oregon	5,000	1,000	0
Mexico	100	100	0
Total	25,000	6,000	1,100

You paid tax at the pump for all fuel you purchased in Arizona and California. Oregon does not collect a fuel tax (see Oregon information on page 24).

Completing the IFTA-101 Schedule

You must complete an *IFTA Quarterly Fuel Use Tax Schedule* (IFTA–101) before you finish your *IFTA Quarterly Fuel Use Tax Return* (IFTA-100). In this example, you will complete one schedule, for diesel fuel.

A sample schedule completed with figures from this example is found on page 25.

Item A, Total IFTA Miles

List the 24,900 total miles traveled in IFTA jurisdictions—Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, and California. Please note that your 1,100 fuel trip permit miles, while tax-exempt, must be included.

Item B, Total Non-IFTA Miles

List the 100 miles traveled in the nonIFTA jurisdiction, Mexico (see "Including information for nonIFTA jurisdictions," page 24).

Item C, Total Miles

Calculate by adding your "Total IFTA Miles" to your "Total Non-IFTA Miles" (24,900 + 100 = 25,000).

Item D, Total Gallons

List the 6,000 gallons of fuel purchased and placed into the vehicle's fuel tank during the period.

Item E, Average Fleet MPG

Divide your "Total Miles," 25,000, by your 6,000 "Total Gallons" (25,000 \div 6,000 = 4.17 mpg). MPG must be rounded to two decimal places.

Column H, Total Miles

List both taxable and tax-exempt miles (such as fuel trip permit miles) traveled in each IFTA jurisdiction. Your California total, for example, is 16,000. Note: Your column H total should equal the item A total.

Column I, Taxable Miles

Calculate for each jurisdiction, subtracting allowable tax-exempt miles (fuel trip permit miles) from column H "Total Miles." For California and Nevada, subtract total fuel trip permit miles from each state's total miles (for California: 16,000 - 200 = 15,800; for Nevada: 900 - 900 = 0). All 3,000 Arizona miles are taxable. None of your Oregon miles are taxable (see next page).

Column K, Taxable Gallons

Calculate for each jurisdiction, dividing the column I figure, "Taxable Miles" by your "Average Fleet MPG" shown on (E). For California, divide 15,800 by 4.17 and enter the result, 3,789. For Arizona, divide 3,000 miles by 4.17 and enter the result, 719 gallons.

Column L, Tax Paid Gallons

List gallons purchased tax-paid in the jurisdiction: 500 for Arizona, 4,400 for California, 0 for Nevada, and 0 for Oregon (see information next page). Note: The column L total should not exceed the column D total.

Column M, Net Taxable Gallons

Calculate for each jurisdiction, subtracting "Tax Paid Gallons" (column L) from "Taxable Gallons" (column K). If column L is more than column K, the result will be credit gallons. For California, you have a 611-gallon credit (3,789 - 4,400 = -611). Show as (611)in column M. For Arizona, you have 219 net taxable gallons (719 - 500 = 219).

Column O, Tax (Credit) Due

Calculate for each jurisdiction, multiplying "Net Taxable Gallons" (column M) by the tax rate (column N—preprinted or from form IFTA-105). For California, multiply (611) by \$0.33. The result, \$(201.63), is a credit for fuel tax you paid in California. For Arizona, you owe \$56.94 in fuel use tax (219 x \$0.26).

Note: If you travel in an IFTA jurisdiction that is not preprinted on your return schedule, you must write it in. List jurisdictions with fuel surcharges twice (see IFTA-105 and example on page 28).

Column Q, Total Due

Enter the total of column O and column P (interest due on late filing) for each jurisdiction. You have \$56.94 tax due for Arizona and a \$(201.63) credit for California. Total the column, subtracting the \$201.63 credit from the \$56.94 tax due. Transfer the result, \$(144.69), to your *IFTA Quarterly Fuel Use Tax Return* (IFTA-100). You have a fuel tax credit of \$144.69 for the quarter.

Including information for Oregon on your schedule

Oregon is an IFTA member and participates for the benefit of Oregon-based carriers. At this time, Oregon does not collect a fuel use tax. You must include miles you operate in Oregon in your "Total IFTA Miles" (item A) and in your "Total Miles" (column H). Do not include fuel you purchased in Oregon on any line under "Tax Paid Gallons" (column L) since you did not pay tax on those gallons. Please note that Oregon collects a *ton-mileage tax* that is *not* covered under IFTA. You must pay that tax to Oregon separately from your IFTA return. Do not include the ton-mileage tax on your IFTA return.

Including information for non-IFTA jurisdictions on your schedule Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, the District of Columbia, Nunavut, Yukon Territory, and the Northwest Territories are currently not IFTA members. However, you must include miles traveled in these jurisdictions in your "Total Non-IFTA Miles" (column B) when calculating your MPG.

Forms completed with figures from example on previous pages.

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ARIZONA	- AZ	52	3,000	3,000	4.17	719	500	219	.26	\$56.94	0	\$56.94
CALIFORNIA	- CA	41	16,000	15,800	4.17	3,789	4,400	(611)	.33	\$(201.63)	0	\$(201.63)
NEVADA	- NV	43	900	0	4.17	0	0	0	.27	0	0	0
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Read the instructions on the back carefully. Make a copy of this return for your records. Attach check or money order payable to: CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD. Enter the amount of your payment here See Mailing Instructions on the back of this form. Enter the *Total Due* from column Q of Form IFTA-101, *IFTA Quarterly Fuel Use Tax Schedule*, for each fuel type. Enter any credit amounts in brackets. Attach a Form IFTA-101 for each fuel type reported below. 2 Motor fuel gasoline..... 5 All other fuel types not listed in lines 1 thru 4 (from worksheet on back of IFTA-101-I). . s \$ (144.69) 6 SUBTOTAL of amount due or (credit) (add lines 1 through 5) \$ (144.69) 8 TOTAL balance due or (credit) (add lines 6 and 7) N/A 9 Credits available as of / / 10 \$ (144.69) 10 BALANCE DUE/(credit) (subtract line 9 from line 8). 11 \$ (144.69)

Sample section—IFTA-105, IFTA Final Fuel Use Tax Rate and Rate Code Table 1

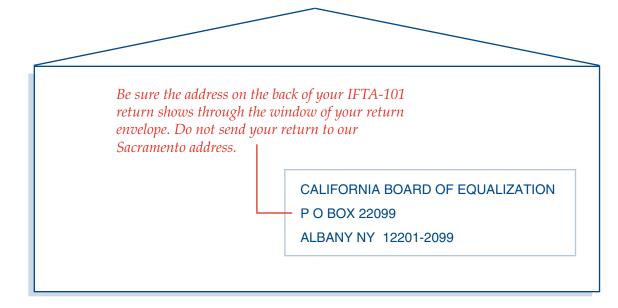
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Alberta	AB	1	043	.XX	.XX		043	.XX	.XX	
Arizona	ΑZ		052	.XX	.XX		N/A	N/A	N/A	
Arkansas	AR		043	.XX	.XX		043	.XX	.XX	
British Columbia	ВС		042	.XX	.XX		042	.XX	.XX	
California	CA		041	.XX	.XX	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Colorado	CO		043	.XX	.XX		043	.XX	.XX	
Connecticut	CT		042	.XX	.XX		041	.XX	.XX	
Kentucky	KY		077	.XX	.XX					
Kentucky*	KY		078	.XX	.XX					

Please note: This is a sample IFTA-105, *IFTA Final Fuel Use Rate and Rate Code Table 1*. The actual table includes columns for all fuels and listings for all IFTA jurisdictions. Two listings are shown for jurisdictions with a fuel surcharge (see below). Be sure to use the table that comes with your return as IFTA-105 is updated quarterly.

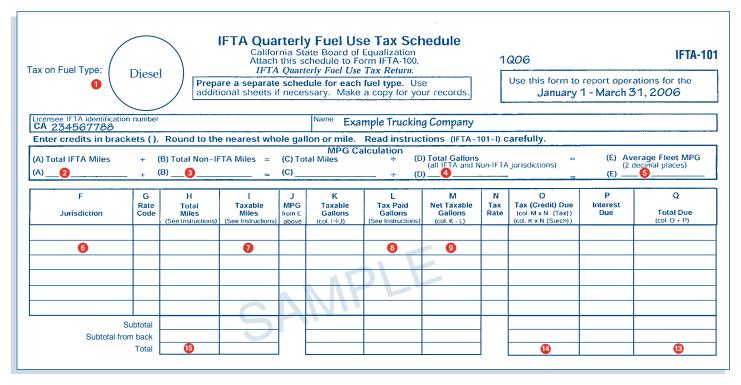
- 1 If the tax rate for the jurisdiction has changed during the reporting period, the effective date of the change will be printed in this column.
- 2 "N/A" in the Rate Code and rate columns means the specific type of fuel is not taxed under IFTA in the jurisdiction. California, for example, does not tax motor fuel gasoline under IFTA. When you drive in California using gasoline, your IFTA-101 schedule *for gasoline* would list 0 "Taxable Miles" for California.
- 3 Jurisdictions with fuel surcharges are listed twice. The second listing, shown with an asterisk (*) following the jurisdiction name, is for the fuel surcharge. You must list the jurisdiction on two separate lines on your IFTA-101 schedule: one for the fuel use tax and another for the fuel surcharge (see example and more information on page 28).

Mailing your completed return and schedule

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Tips for completing your IFTA Quarterly Fuel Use Tax Schedule (IFTA-101)



Please note: This information is intended to supplement, not *replace*, the instructions that come with your IFTA schedule each quarter. Please refer to the instructions when completing the schedule.

- 1 Complete a separate IFTA-101 for each fuel used.
- 2 All miles traveled in IFTA jurisdictions (examples: California and Oregon), including fuel trip permit miles and other nontaxable miles.
- 3 All miles traveled in nonIFTA jurisdictions (example: Mexico).
- 4 Total gallons purchased and placed into the vehicle's fuel tank.
- 5 Calculate MPG by dividing amount in item C by the amount in item D. Round result to 2 decimal places (see sample on page 25).
- 6 Write in any jurisdictions in which you traveled that are not preprinted on the form.
 - **Fuel surcharges.** List jurisdictions with fuel surcharges twice—once for fuel use tax, once for surcharge (see example on next page).
- 7 For each jurisdiction, subtract allowable tax-exempt miles traveled in the jurisdiction from column H, "Total Miles." Allowable tax-exempt miles vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction (see p. 13). The only allowable deduction for California travel is for miles traveled under a fuel trip permit. Contact individual jurisdictions for information on allowable tax-exempt miles.

- 8 List tax-paid fuel for jurisdiction where purchased. Fuel receipts should document that tax was paid. Do not claim tax-paid gallons on lines for surcharges.
- 9 If result of column K minus column L is less than column 0 ("credit gallons"), show in parentheses (x) as a credit.
- Multiply each column M figure by the jurisdiction tax rate (see IFTA-105). If the column M figure is a credit (see above), show resulting tax credit in parentheses (x).
- 11 For late returns, calculate interest due (1% for each full or partial month) for each jurisdiction to which you owe tax (no interest due on credits).
- Total column O and column P amounts for each jurisdiction. Add tax due and subtract credit due (x). Enter result, showing credit in parentheses (x).
- 13 Total due column: add amounts due and subtract credits. Carry to corresponding fuel type line on the IFTA-100 return (lines 1 5).
- For late returns, Total due column: add amounts due and subtract credits. If 10% of total is more than \$50, carry to return, line 7; if less than \$50, enter \$50 on line 7.
- Column H, "Total Miles," total should equal item A, "Total IFTA Miles." Do not include miles on surcharge lines.

Fuel Tax Surcharges

For some jurisdictions (currently Indiana, Kentucky, and Virginia), you must pay a fuel tax *surcharge* in addition to the jurisdiction's fuel use tax. (A surcharge is an additional tax for fuel used in the jurisdiction.) You must calculate the surcharge on a separate line on your fuel tax schedule (see example below). Because a surcharge applies to the "Taxable Gallons" (column K) you report for a specific jurisdiction, you should complete calculations for the jurisdiction's fuel use tax before completing the surcharge line.

To calculate the surcharge, carry your column K total from the jurisdiction's fuel use tax line to the surcharge line, and then complete *only* columns N, O, Q and (if necessary) P. (On preprinted schedules, a row of Xs [XXXXX] appears in columns you should skip when calculating the surcharge due.) Be sure to use the correct rate for the surcharge, which is listed separately on your IFTA fuel use tax rate table, IFTA-105 (see sample on page 26).

Surcharges are *not* collected at the pump, so you should not list an amount for "Tax Paid Gallons" on a surcharge line. As a result, your "Tax (Credit) Due" figure (col. O) for a surcharge will *always* show tax due if you have any taxable miles in the jurisdiction. This is true even when you have a credit for the jurisdiction's fuel tax.

Completing Quarterly Fuel Use Tax Schedule for a jurisdiction with a fuel surcharge

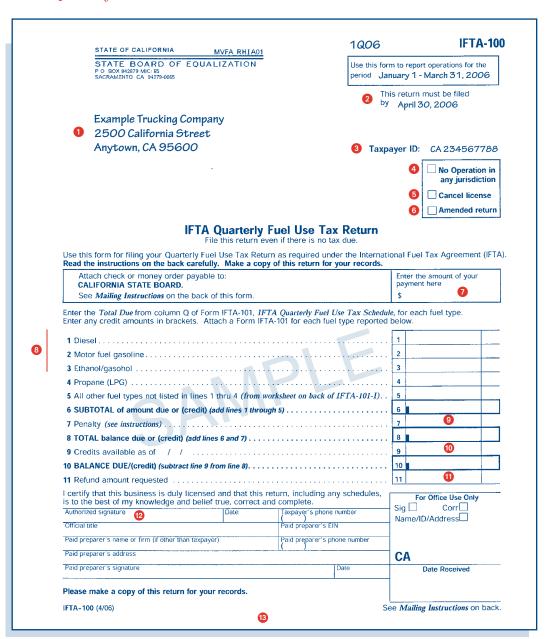
F Jurisdiction	G Rate Code	H Total Miles (See Instructions)	Taxable Miles (See Instructions)	J MPG from E above	K Taxable Gallons (col. I ÷ J)	L Tax Paid Gallons (See Instructions)	M Net Taxable Gallons (col. K - L)	N Tax Rate	O Tax (Credit) Due (col. M x N (Tax)) (col. K x N (Surch)	P Interest Due	Q Total Due (col. O + P)
0	2		3		4	6	6	7	8		
KENTUCKY - KY	77	20,000	20,000	4.00	5,000	6,000	(1,000)	0.141	\$ (141.00)	0	\$ (141.00)
Kentucky Surch KY	78				5,000			0.063	315.00	0	315.00

Complete fuel use tax line first. Carry column K figure, "Taxable Gallons" to column K on surcharge line, then complete *only* columns N, O, P, and Q on surcharge line.

- 1 List jurisdiction with surcharge on two separate lines.
- 2 List correct rate codes for fuel tax and surcharge
- 3 Do not list miles on surcharge line.
- 4 Taxable gallons should be the same on both lines.
- 5 *Do not* list tax-paid gallons on surcharge line. *Surcharges are not collected at the pump.*
- 6 Do not calculate the net taxable gallons on surcharge line.
- 7 Tax rate will be different for the fuel use tax and the surcharge.
- 8 You will owe an amount for the surcharge even if you have a credit for the fuel use tax.

Tips for completing your IFTA Quarterly Fuel Use Tax Return (IFTA-100)

- 1 Your legal name and mailing address as licensed.
- 2 Your return must be postmarked *on or before* the due date. If you file even one day late, you will owe penalty and interest.
- 3 Your IFTA license number.
- 4 Check if you did not operate your qualified motor vehicles (no miles traveled in any jurisdiction) during the quarter.
- Check if this is your final return and you wish to cancel your IFTA license.
- 6 Check if you are filing this return to correct a previously filed return.
- The check or money order you mail with the return.
- Types of fuels you must report under IFTA. Enter column Q total for each fuel used from *each* IFTA-101 schedule.
- 9 You must pay a penalty for *all* late returns. Enter 10 percent of column O totals from all IFTA-101 schedules for the quarter or \$50, whichever is *more*.



- Line 9 on the return does not apply to California returns.
- 11 If you have a credit due, enter the amount to be refunded.

 Amounts of \$10 or less will be carried over to the next reporting period.
- Please sign your return or have your preparer sign on the proper line. We cannot process your refund request without a signature. Be sure to list your telephone number, and if a preparer completes the return, that person's phone number.
- Your Board of Equalization account number.

8. IFTA JURISDICTIONS

UNITED STATES

Please note: While the information in this section is current as of June 2006, it is subject to change. Current telephone and fax numbers for IFTA jurisdictions are found on the IFTA website under "Carrier Info": www.iftach.org.

ALABAMA

Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division IFTA Section 50 N. Ripley St., Rm 1239 Montgomery, AL 36104 334-242-9078 www.revenue.alabama.gov

ARIZONA

Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Services 1801 West Jefferson, Mail Drop 521M Phoenix, AZ 85007-3204 602-712-8896 www.dot.state.az.us/mvd

ARKANSAS

Department of Finance & Administration Motor Fuel Tax Section P.O. Box 1752 Little Rock, AR 72203 501-682-4806 www.arkansas.gov/motorfuel

CALIFORNIA

Motor Carrier Section, MIC:65 Fuel Taxes Division State Board of Equalization 450 N St., MIC:65 P.O. Box 942879 Sacramento, CA 94279-0065 916-322-9669 or 800-400-7115 www.boe.ca.gov

COLORADO

Colorado Department of Revenue Taxpayer Services Division 1375 Sherman St., Rm 200 Denver, CO 80261 303-205-8205 www.taxcolorado.com

CONNECTICUT

Department of Revenue Services 25 Sigourney St. Hartford, CT 06106 860-541-3222 www.ct.gov/drs/site/default.asp

DELAWARE

Department of Transportation Motor Fuel Tax Administration Motor Carrier Services Section P.O. Drawer E Dover, DE 19903-1565 302-744-2702 www.deldot.net

FLORIDA

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Bureau of Motor Carrier Services 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Rm A-110 Tallahassee, FL 32399 850-921-0931 www.hsmv.state.fl.us

GEORGIA

Department of Revenue Taxpayers Services Division 1800 Century Center Blvd., NE Suite 8223 Atlanta, GA 30345-3205 404-417-6707 www.gatax.org

IDAHO

Idaho Tax Commission P.O. Box 36 Boise, ID 83722-0036 208-334-7834 www.tax.idaho.gov/ifta.htm

ILLINOIS

Department of Revenue Motor Fuel Use Tax Section, MS:2-265 P.O. Box 19477 Springfield, IL 62794-9477 217-785-6493 www.revenue.state.il.us/motorfuel/index

INDIANA

Department of Revenue Motor Carrier Services Division 5252 Decatur Blvd., Ste. R Indianapolis, IN 46241 317-615-7274 www.in.gov/dor/mcs/ifta-mcft.html

I O W A

Department of Transportation Office of Motor Carrier Services P.O. Box 10382 Des Moines, IA 50306-0382 515-237-3270 www.ifta.dot.state.ia.us

KANSAS

Department of Revenue Customer Relations - Motor Fuel 915 SW Harrison St. Topeka, KS 66625-8100 785-291-3658 www.ksrevenue.org

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Division of Motor Carriers P.O. Box 2007 Frankfort, KY 40602 502-564-4540 www.transportation.ky.gov/dmc

LOUISIANA

Department of Revenue Taxpayer Services Division (225) P.O. Box 66362 Baton Rouge, LA 70896-6362 225-219-7656 www.rev.state.la.us

MAINE

Bureau of Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Licensing Unit 29 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0029 207-264-9000 X 52137 www.state.me.us/sos/bmv/commercial

MARYLAND

Comptroller of Maryland Motor Fuel Tax Bureau P.O. Box 1751 Annapolis, MD 21404-1751 410-260-7138 www.compnet.comp.state.md.us/ red/mftb/default.asp

MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Revenue P.O. Box 7027 Boston, MA 02204 617-887-5080 www.mass.gov

MICHIGAN

Department of Treasury Customer Contact Division, Special Taxes Lansing, MI 48922 517-636-4597 www.michigan.gov/treasury

MINNESOTA

Department of Public Safety Driver & Vehicle Services IRP/ IFTA office 445 Minnesota St., Ste. 188, St Paul, MN 55101 651-205-4413 www.dps.state.mn.us

MISSISSIPPI

State Tax Commission P.O. Box 1033 Jackson, MS 39215 601-923-7150 www.mstc.state.ms.us/taxareas/ petrol/iftainfo

MISSOURI

Motor Carrier Services P.O. Box 893 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0893 573-751-3523 www.carrier.state.mo.us

MONTANA

Motor Carrier Services Division MT Department of Transportation 2701 Prospect Avenue P.O. Box 4639 Helena, MT 59604-4639 406-444-7248 www.mdt.mt.gov

NEBRASKA

Department of Motor Vehicles Motor Carrier Services Division P.O. Box 94729 Lincoln, NE 68509-4729 888-622-1222 www.dmv.state.ne.us

NEVADA

Department of Motor Vehicles Motor Carrier Division 555 Wright Way Carson City, NV 89711-0625 775-684-4711 www.dmvnv.com/index

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Department of Safety Road Toll Bureau 33 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03305 603-271-6183 www.nh.gov/safety/administration/ roadtoll/index.html

NEW JERSEY

Division of Motor Vehicles 225 E. State St. P.O. Box 133 Trenton, NJ 08666 609-633-9407 www.dmv.org/nj-new-jersey

NEW MEXICO

Taxation & Revenue Department Commercial Vehicle Bureau 1100 So. St. Francis Drive, Rm 2111 P.O. Box 5188 Santa Fe, NM 87504-5188 505-476-1552 www.state.mn.us

NEW YORK

Department of Taxation & Finance Registration Section - Highway Use Tax Unit W.A. Harriman Campus Albany, NY 12227 800-972-1233 www.tax.state.ny.us/sbc

NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Revenue Motor Fuels Tax Division 1429 Rock Quarry Rd, Ste. 105 Raleigh, NC 27610 919-733-3409 www.dornc.com

NORTH DAKOTA

Motor Carrier Services DOT, Motor Vehicle Division 608 East Boulevard Ave. Bismarck, ND 58505-0780 701-328-2928 www.discovernd.com/dot

OHIO

Department of Taxation Excise & Motor Fuel Tax Division P.O. Box 530 Columbus, OH 43216-0530 614-644-5847 www.tax.ohio.gov

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Transportation Division P.O. Box 52948 Oklahoma City, OK 73152-2948 405-521-5681 www.ok.gov

OREGON

Oregon Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Transportation Division 550 Capitol Street NE Salem, OR 97301-2530 503-373-1987 www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT

PENNSYLVANIA

Department of Revenue Bureau of Motor Fuel Taxes P.O. Box 280646 Harrisburg, PA 17128-0646 800-482-4382 www.revenue.state.pa.us

RHODE ISLAND

Department of Administration Division of Taxation - Excise Tax Section One Capitol Hill Providence, RI 02908 401-222-2950 www.ri.gov

SOUTH CAROLINA

Department of Motor Vehicles Motor Carrier Services 10311 Wilson Blvd. P.O. Box 1993 Blythewood, SC 29016 803-896-3874 www.scdmvonline.com

SOUTH DAKOTA

Department of Revenue & Regulation Division of Motor Vehicles 445 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-3100 605-773-5335 www.state.sd.us/revenue/revenue

TENNESSEE

Department of Safety Commercial Vehicle Division/ IFTA Unit 1148 Foster Ave., Cooper Hall Nashville, TN 37210 615-687-2296 www.state.tn.us

TEXAS

Comptroller of Public Accounts LBJ State Office Building 111 E. 17th Street Austin, TX 78774-0100 512-463-3849 www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/ fuels/ifta

UTAH

State Tax Commission 210 North 1950 West Salt Lake City, UT 84134-8400 801-297-7661 www.tax.utah.gov

VERMONT

Department of Motor Vehicles 120 State Street Montpelier, VT 05603 802-828-2070 www.dmv.state.vt.us

VIRGINIA

Department of Motor Vehicles Motor Carrier Services P.O. Box 27412 Richmond, VA 23269 866-878-2582 www.dmvnow.com

WASHINGTON

Department of Licensing Fuel Tax Services - IFTA Unit P.O. Box 9228 Olympia, WA 98507-9228 360-664-1868 www.dol.wa.gov

WEST VIRGINIA

Department of Motor Vehicles Commercial Vehicle Section -Fuel Tax Unit 1606 Washington St., E Charleston, WV 25311 304-558-0700 www.state.wv.us/taxdiv

WISCONSIN

Department of Transportation 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Rm 151 P.O. Box 7979 Madison, WI 53707-7979 608-267-4382 www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/ carriers/ifta

WYOMING

Department of Transportation IFTA Fuel Tax Section 5300 Bishop Blvd. Cheyenne, WY 82009-3340 307-777-4827 www.dot.state.wy.us

CANADA ALBERTA

Tax and Revenue Administration Alberta Finance 9811-109th Street Sir Frederick W. Haultain Bldg. Edmonton, AB T5K 2L5 780-644-4119 www.finance.gov.ab.ca

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Consumer Taxation Branch P.O. Box 9442 Stn. Prov. Govt. Victoria, BC V8W 9V4 250-387-0635 www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb/IFTA

MANITOBA

Manitoba Finance Taxation Division Room 101-401 York Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3C 0P8 204-945-3194 www.gov.mb.ca/finance/taxation

NEW BRUNSWICK

Department of Finance Revenue and Taxation 670 King Street P.O. Box 3000 Fredericton, NB E3B 5G5 506-453-3029 www.gnb.ca/0024/tax/index.asp

NEWFOUNDLAND

Taxation and Fiscal Policy Branch Confederation Bldg. Prince Phillip Parkway P.O. Box 8720 St. John's, NF A1B 4K1 709-729-2935 www.gov.nl.ca

NOVA SCOTIA

Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations Registry and Information Management Services Division P.O. Box 755 Halifax, NS B3J 2V4 902-424-2850 www.gov.ns.ca

ONTARIO

Ministry of Finance Motor Fuels and Tobacco Tax Branch P.O. Box 625 33 King Street, West, 3rd Fl. Oshawa, ON L1H 8H9 905-433-6412 www.trd.fin.gov.on.ca/scripts/index

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Dept. of the Provincial Treasury Taxation and Property Records Division P.O. Box 1330 Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N1 902-368-4161 www.gov.pe.ca

QUEBEC

Revenu Québec Direction Générale des enterprises 3800 Rue De Marly, Secteur 4-2-6-A Québec, QC G1X 4A5 418-652-4382 www.revenu.gouv.qc.ca

SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan Finance Revenue Division 2350 Albert Street Regina, SK S4P 4A6 306-787-7749 www.gov.sk.ca/finance/revenue/ prorate

9. FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more IFTA information

You may

Contact the Board's Motor Carrier Section and talk to a representative about IFTA requirements or how to complete your returns.
 You may write, call, or fax us at

Motor Carrier Section, MIC:65 Fuel Taxes Division State Board of Equalization P.O. Box 942879 Sacramento, CA 94279-0065

916-322-9669 Fuel Taxes Division 800-400-7115 Information Center

916-323-4404 fax

• Write to our Motor Carrier Section for specific advice regarding the application of IFTA to your operations. For your protection, it is best to get tax advice in writing. You may be relieved of tax, penalty, or interest charges due on fuel used in California if we determine that we gave you incorrect written advice and that you underpaid tax because you reasonably relied on that advice. For this relief to apply, a request for advice must be in writing, identify the taxpayer to whom the advice applies, and fully describe the facts and circumstances of the fuel use. Tax relief is not available for tax liability resulting from incorrect advice given in person or over the telephone.

Publications

The Board publishes a variety of pamphlets to assist you, including:

- 3 Use Fuel Tax Law
- **12** California Use Fuel Tax: A Guide for Vendors and Users
- 17 Appeals Procedures: Sales and Use Taxes and Special Taxes
- 17-S Appeals Procedures: Sales and Use Tax and Special Taxes, Spanish
 - **19** Diesel Fuel Tax Law
- **50-A** California IFTA Introduction to the International Fuel Tax Agreement
- **50-AS** California IFTA Introduction to the International Fuel Tax Agreement, Spanish
- **50-S** California IFTA Guide to the International Fuel Tax Agreement, Spanish
 - **51** *Guide to Board of Equalization Services*
- **51-S** Guide to Board of Equalization Services, Spanish
 - 70 Understanding Your Rights as a California Taxpayer

70-S Understanding Your Rights as a California Taxpayer, Spanish

75 Interest and Penalties

76 Audits

76-S Audits, Spanish

117 Filing a Claim for Refund

117-S Filing a Claim for Refund, Spanish

You may obtain most of our publications, regulations, and forms from our website: *www.boe.ca.gov*. Or you may order publications 24 hours a day by calling our Information Center: 800-400-7115.

As an IFTA licensee, you also receive the Board's *Fuel Taxes Newsletter* in June and December. You may order back issues from the Fuel Taxes Division by calling 916-322-9669 or 800-400-7115.

Tax Evasion Hotline

The Board has established a toll-free number you may use to report suspected tax evasion: 888-334-3300. Representatives are available to take calls Monday through Friday (except state holidays) between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Pacific time.

Taxpayers' Rights Advocate

If you have been unable to resolve a disagreement through normal channels or would like to know more about your rights under IFTA, we encourage you to contact the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate for help:

Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office, MIC:70
State Board of Equalization
P.O. Box 942879
Sacramento, CA 94279-0070
916-324-2798 phone 888-324-2798, toll-free phone
916-323-3319 fax

Other related agencies

The Board of Equalization is the agency responsible for administering California's fuel taxes. If you have other questions relating to motor carrier registration or operations in California, please contact the agencies listed below.

Operating Authority

Federal Department of Transportation

Interstate/federal safety regulations, applications for U.S. DOT numbers and information

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) 800-832-5660

California Division: 916-930-2760

www.fmcsa.dot.gov

• Registration Fees, Commercial Trip Permits, Fuel Trip Permits

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) International Registration Plan (IRP) Unit P.O. Box 932320 MS H160 Sacramento, CA 94232-3200 916-657-7971 www.dmv.ca.gov

• Oversize/Overweight Permits

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

North Region Office: 916-322-1297 South Region Office: 909-383-4637

For emergency permits after 5:00 p.m. and before 8:00 a.m.

HQ Communications Center: 916-653-3442

www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffofps/permits

• Vehicle Inspection

California Highway Patrol, Commercial Vehicle Section 916-445-1865 or 916-375-2810

• Hazardous Materials Information

Regulatory Information:

California Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

415-703-2177

Enforcement Information:

California Highway Patrol (CHP)

916-445-1865

• California Insurance Requirements

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) 415-703-2177 www.cpuc.ca.gov

Household Goods Carriers, Motor Carrier of Passengers (tour buses)

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) 800-877-8867 www.cpuc.ca.gov

• Road Conditions

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) 800-427-7623 916-445-7623 www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo

California Fuel Trip Permit (CFTP) Services

You may purchase California Fuel Trip Permits (CFTP) from our Sacramento Headquarters. Send your written request to:

Motor Carrier Section, MIC:65 Fuel Taxes Division State Board of Equalization P.O. Box 942879 Sacramento, CA 94279-0065

The carrier needs to remit \$30 for each CFTP requested (note: carriers based outside of California must pay with certified funds). We will send out the CFTP(s) the same day we receive the request and funds at our Headquarters Motor Carrier Section.

Carriers may also obtain CFTP(s) from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or at the following locations.

Arizona

Barney's Truck Stop–(I-8) Yuma, AZ 928-342-2696 Flying J Travel Plaza–(I-10) Ehrenberg, AZ 928-923-9600 Pilot Travel Center–(US-95) Quartzsite, AZ 928-927-7777

California

ADK Permit Service–Modesto, CA 209-343-4800 Ernie's Pilot Car Service–Marysville, CA 530-742-1046

Nevada

Boomtown Truck Stop–(I-80) Boomtown, NV 775-345-8672 Golden Spike Auto/Truck Plaza–(I-15) Jean, NV 702-874-1515 Sierra Sid's–(I-80) Sparks, NV 775-359-0550 Whiskey Pete's Shell Truck Stop–(I-15) Primm, NV 702-679-6614 Woody's Convenience Store–(US-395) Carson City, NV 775-883-0701

Oregon

Petro Stopping Center–(I-5) Medford, OR 541-535-3372 Withams's Truck Stop–(I-5) Medford, OR 541-779-0792 Worden's Truck Stop–(US-97) Worden, OR 541-882-3023

Wire Services

Ernie's Pilot Car Service – Marysville, CA 800-257-4568 The Permit Service – Los Angeles, CA 800-223-7431 Comdata Transceiver – Carroll, TX 800-749-6058

If you would like to come into our Sacramento Headquarters office to pickup CFTP(s), or if you have any questions concerning the CFTP, please contact the Fuel Taxes Division at 916-322-9669.

What do you think of this pamphlet

We hope that this pamphlet will help you to better understand the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) as it applies to your business.

We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to give us your comments and suggestions for this pamphlet so that we can improve future editions. Please answer the questions below, remove the page, and return it to us. It is designed as a postage-paid self-mailer: you may fold the page as indicated and seal it with two pieces of tape.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey.

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- 3. Are there any sections of the pamphlet that you find confusing? (please explain, if possible)
- 4. Are there any IFTA-related topics not addressed in this pamphlet that you would like us to include?
- 5. Are there any sections of the pamphlet that you feel are incomplete? What would you add?
- 6. Do you have any other comments or suggestions for improving this pamphlet?

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